Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 24, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

The hardware structure of a CHN 110 is shown in Fig. 7. As shown in Fig. 7, the CHN 110's hardware is constituted as a unit. Hereinafter, this unit is referred to as a NAS board. The NAS board includes one or more circuit boards 118. More specifically, the NAS board comprises a network interface section 111, a CPU 112, a memory 113, an input-output controller 114, an I/O (Input/Output) processor 119, an NVRAM (Non Volatile RAM) 115, a board connecting connector 116, and a communication connector 117, which are formed as one unit.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 26, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

Next, the structures of the CHF 110 and CHA 110 are shown in Fig. 8. The CHF 110 and the CHA 110 are also formed as units in the same way as the CHN 110. Similar to the CHN 110, this unit may be constructed from a plurality of circuit boards 118. Further, the CHF 110 and the CHA 110 are compatible with the CHN 110 in terms of size and the position and pin arrangement of the board connecting connector 116 and the like.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 30, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

The network controller 702 comprises two file system protocols, a NFS (Network File System) 711 and a Samba 712. The NFS 711 accepts a file access request from a UNIX (registered trademark) -based information processing apparatus 200 on which the NFS 711 runs. In various embodiments, UNIX-based information processing apparatus 200 runs a version of a UNIX operating system 714. On the other hand, the Samba 712 accepts a file access request from a Windows (registered trademark) -based information processing apparatus 200 on which a CIFS (Common Interface File System) 713 runs. In various embodiments, Windows-based information processing apparatus 200 runs a version of a Windows operating system 715.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 5, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 4 is a view showing an LU a logical unit (LU) managing table according to the present embodiment;

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 8, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The LAN 400 is connected to a backup device 910, which is specifically a disk-based device such as MO magneto optical disk (MO), CD-R, or DVD-RAM, or a tape-based device such as a DAT tape, cassette tape, open tape or cartridge tape. The backup device 910 communicates with the storage device controlling apparatus 100 via the LAN 400 to store

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backup data for data stored in the storage device 300. Further, the backup device 910 can also be connected to the information processing apparatus 1 (200). In this case, backup data for data stored in the storage device 300 is acquired via the information processing apparatus 1 (200).

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 29, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

Running on an operating system 701 is software including a RAID manager 708, a volume manager 707, a ~~SVP~~ service processor (SVP) manager 709, a file system program 703, a network controller 702, a backup management program 710, a fault management program 705, and an NAS manager 706.